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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 444
By Head

A RESOLUTION To congratulate Mr. Michael A. Wall for
outstanding work as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, Throughout the course of each legislative session, there have emerged certain individuals who far exceed the basic requirements set forth and who have committed themselves to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Michael A. Wall has distinguished himself as one such individual through his work as a legislative intern for Representatives Tommy Head and Ronnie Cole, their executive assistant, Pamela Laub, and the entire House Budget Subcommittee. His efforts resulted in untold benefits for the members he served and for the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wall is the son of proud parents, Carl and Sue Wall of Clarksville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, A highly regarded student at Austin Peay State University where he was respected and admired by students, faculty, staff, and administrators alike, Michael earned a

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3.98 cumulative grade point average and graduated summa cum laude in three and one-half years with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science; and

WHEREAS, He has participated in numerous extracurricular activities, has devoted his time to the Clarksville community, and has served in many leadership roles on and off campus. He distinguished himself as a servant leader mostly in the role of President of the Student Government Association. He also served as a member of the Tennessee Board of Regents Council of Student Presidents, President of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society and as a New Student Orientation leader; and

WHEREAS, Michael was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa and Gamma Beta Phi Honor Societies; he was named Mister Governor and received the John Burgess Award as the top Political Science graduate; and

WHEREAS, During his collegiate years, Michael astounded his professors and friends, not only for knowing everyone in Clarksville, but also for his astute demonstration of academic excellence. He served as the Austin Peay State University Governor Ambassador, and has also been recognized as an Austin Peay State University Outstanding Student Leader of 1999 and 2000; and

WHEREAS, Michael Wall received the prestigious Drane Award, an honor conferred each commencement to the top baccalaureate graduate as chosen by the faculty on the basis of character, scholarship, leadership, and service to Austin Peay State University; and

WHEREAS, This Dean's List Scholar, and former intern for Congressman Ed Bryant, is looking forward to attending The University of Tennessee College of Law at Knoxville this fall; and

WHEREAS, During his internship, "Michelob" endured many phone calls from attorneys, busloads of realtors, honking protestors, telephone races with Donna, requests for Pam's drinks, stress ball fights, fixing copier jams, and answering never-ending phone calls, all while

demonstrating his graceful dance moves and a profound, never-ending admiration for the legislature that can only be learned through the internship experience; and

WHEREAS, Eager to learn more about the intricacies and idiosyncrasies of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Michael brought his many abilities and skills to Capitol Hill for the session of the One Hundred Second General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the legislative session, he has exceeded all criteria that define a dedicated and conscientious legislative intern, especially the ones requiring a good three-point shot and a winning smile; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wall can never be replaced and will be sorely missed, especially during next year's basketball game, as Michael played in the annual Legislator/Intern basketball game this year, where this basketball star helped his team soundly defeat the legislators, 62-58, by shooting several three-pointers; and

WHEREAS, Michael Wall has performed each of his duties with extraordinary intelligence and enthusiasm; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Mr. Michael Wall for outstanding service as a legislative intern and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.